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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

APPLICANTS: Baum et al.

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TITLE: "METHOD FOR DATA INPUT INTO A SERVICE DEVICE AND
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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

AA United States Patent No. 5,710,706

AB United States Patent No. 5,606,508

AC United States Patent No. 5,490,077

AD United States Patent No. 5,448,641

AE United States Patent No. 5,161,109

AF United States Patent No. 4,138,735

AL German OS 38 23 719

AM European Application 0 780 803

EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

Each of the above references was identified and discussed at pages 1 through 4 of the present specification, and Applicants stand by the statements in the

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specification concerning the teachings of those references. For the English-language references, no further commentary is necessary. Complete English translations of the German language references are not readily available to the Applicants, however, the aforementioned statements in the specification concerning those references constitutes summaries of their respective teachings.

None of the above referenced discloses or suggests a method for data input into a service device, nor an arrangement for the implementation of the method, as disclosed and claimed in the present application.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted within three months of the filing date of the present application, and is thus in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), and therefore no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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